(d) whether the allegations against the present Chairman, of misfeasance, relating to the period when he was director of Aicok Ashdown Company Limited, have come to the notice of Government; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that there was a CBI enquiry pending against him and his passport had been impounded on the recommendations of the CBl?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) As on 19-9-86. Shri Kashinath Tapuriah, Chairman, M|s. Incab Industries Ltd. held 25.000 equity shares of the above company.

(b) Yes. Sir.

(c) No Sir The number of shares proposed to be purchased was 253000.

(c) No.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) On the basis of request received from C.B.I, passport No. J-994980 dated 18.4.75 issued to Shri Kashinath Tapuriah So Late Rai Bahadur Manglii-!a] Tapuriah was ordered to be impounded by the Regional Passport Officer Calcutta.

Appointment of Chief Justice

3326. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state;

(a) what are the various difficulties and problems which the Government face in filling up the vacancies of High Court Judges due to which considerable delay lias been caused; and

(b) whether Government propose to appoint as judges and Chief Justice persons with good knowledge of regional lang uage of the State in which they arc ap pointed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRl H. R. BHARDWAJ); (a) Appointment of judges is made in consultation with the authorities specified in Article 217(1) of the Constitution. The process of consultation in some cases takes some time.

(b) Appointment of persons as Judges is made after assessing their suitability from all angles. Appointments|transfers of Chief Justices of High Courts are made in pursuance of the. policy of hav ing Chief Justices from outside, keeping in view all relevant aspects.

Optical Fibre Cables project in Orissa

3327. SHRI BASUDEB MOHA-PATRA; SHRI SUSHILA TIRIA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to staite.

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal from the Government of Orissa for the location of an Optical Fibre Cables and Systems Projects in the State is pending Govt.'s approval:

(b) if so, what would be the cost of the project; and

(c) by when the same is likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN *THE* DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DE VELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHA-LAM): (a) No, Sir.

(a) and (c) Do not arise.

Corruption charges against BHEL

Director

3328. SHRI KAILASH PATI MI SHRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a list of corruption charges against the Director (Technical) of BHEL. Bhopal Plant, w as submitted to the Government; and

(b) whether the charges were enquired into by a Central agency; if so. what are the charges the results of the investiga tions and action taken in pursuance there of?